**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(a) The Diwan-President declared on the occasion of the last meeting that His Highness has been graciously pleased to allow the Council to suggest a name for the place of the Deputy President.

(b) No definite steps have been taken in the matter.

## Increase of pay to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

**54. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Dr. Rao, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, applied to the Government or otherwise represented to the Government for an increase of his salary;

(b) if the answer to (1) is in the negative will the Government be pleased to state (1) who started the question of revising the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer; and

(2) what were the considerations which weighed with the Government in so revising it?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(a) No application was received. Dr. Rao informally raised the question of the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) (1) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a).

(2) The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is one of the most important Heads of Departments like the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction and Government thought, when the question was raised, that it was only reasonable to place him in their grade in the matter of pay also.

**55. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there were any special reasons now for increasing the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are they?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to part (b) of question No. 54.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to say when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer became one of the major Heads of Departments?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—He never ceased to be.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Was it from the beginning so?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Yes.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Was this question of the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer considered by the Special Finance Committee?

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